

Phoenix

A Sandwell UNISON Newsletter – April 2018



The TUC has called a national demonstration on Saturday 12 May in London. This is going to be a key moment in the fight for public services. We'll show the decision-makers that we're scared for the services we love and we won't take further cuts and pay freezes lying down.

This march is set to be a big one. UNISON, the TUC and other trade unions are putting considerable support behind it. You'll join thousands of like-minded people under the banner, Step up for Public Services.

It's a march with a serious message but it'll have a fun, family-friendly feel. Dig out your UNISON colours and let's turn the streets purple. Make sure you're there!

The demonstration will form part of the TUC Great Jobs Agenda campaign, which sets out the key demands of the movement for how we win a new deal for working people. Find out more on the [TUC's webpage](#)

Where? London: Victoria Embankment to Hyde Park

When? 12 May. We will assemble from 11am and move off at 12pm. The rally in Hyde Park ends at 4pm.

Why? Because you care about public services and you like a good day out.

Pay Offer 18-20 Vote Results

Sandwell's results from the NJC pay offer covering support staff in schools, local government staff, plus workers covered by NJC terms and conditions was as follows:

245 voted to REJECT the offer (45%)
294 voted to ACCEPT the offer (55%)

These results were shared with the West Midlands Region, which also on average had the same proportions voting to reject and accept.

The results nationally were even closer, with 50.44% voting to reject the offer and take industrial action. However, most branches and Regions voted to accept. UNISON conducted a further consultation with branches given the tight votes and at the national meeting on 6 April UNISON agreed to accept the employers offer.

Details of the offer – and the pay scales for Sandwell are available on our website

www.sandwellunison.co.uk

Thanks to all who took part in the vote. The pay award will be backdated from 1 April.

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